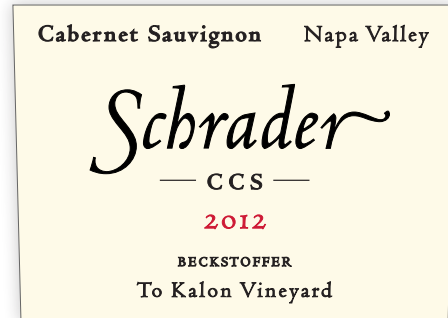


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HISTORIC CABERNETS FROM THE NAPA VALLEY

Schrader CCS Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage	2012
Vineyard	Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard
Appellation	Napa Valley, Oakville
Varietal	Cabernet Sauvignon
Composition	Pure clone 4
Cooperage	Aged 20 months in rare Darnajou French oak barrels
Winemaker	Thomas Brown



Profile

With a tower of cascading flavors, our 2012 Schrader CCS brilliantly reveals the full force power of a pure clone 4 Cabernet, masterfully balanced by monumental structure and super sensual mouthfeel. The spectacular structure of the Schrader CCS is supported by indulgent notes of blackberry and blueberry with hints of black currant that are rounded out by crème de cassis. The naturally smooth, graceful texture of the wine provides an arrestingly enjoyable experience from entry through long, lingering finish that is uniquely Schrader CCS.

Vintage

In the words of Henry Hartman, “success always comes when preparation meets opportunity.” With more than a decade of experience in the vineyard we definitely had the preparation part down, however we were happily surprised by the unlimited opportunity given to us by Mother Nature in 2012. The growing conditions were beyond fabulous, providing the double benefit of phenomenal quality as well as grand abundance, a winemaker’s dream. Serendipitous and trouble-free, the pristine conditions of the season delivered a harvest with both marvelous quality and ample quantity, an ideal combination.

Critical Praise

Rated 100 The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer to Kalon Vineyard CCS is Clone 4 from another block, and always seems to hit all the sweet spots on my palate. It’s aged 20 months in 100% new Darnajou barrels. The good news is there are 520 cases of it. Just a prodigious wine, this spectacular Cabernet Sauvignon is inky bluish/purple with a gorgeous nose of spring flowers, blueberry, blackberry and cassis fruit, a touch of background toast and graphite. It has a very full-bodied, multidimensional mouthfeel and a skyscraper-like finish. It is fabulously open, sexy and a total thrill to smell and taste. This should continue to drink well for two decades.

— Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*

Rated 94 While big and chewy, this offers an intriguing mix of dark berry, plum and black cherry, shaded by black licorice, cedar and berry jam on the finish. The flavors push through gracefully on the finish.

— James Laube, *Wine Spectator*